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This communication is responsive to the final Office action mailed on November 21, 2007. The three-month due date for reply to the final Office action is February 21, 2008. Applicant considers this Response as timely submitted within the reply period. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicant hereby requests an extension for such additional time period and authorizes the appropriate fees to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775.

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